

Durant Middle School Dress Code

1. Students may not wear halter-tops, midriff shirt/blouses, spaghetti strapped tops tank tops, pajama type top or bottoms or other revealing or low cut clothing. Sleeveless tops must have fitted armholes.
2. Shirt length must be such that the stomach or back will not be exposed when the student's arms are raised.
3. Pants with holes located above the knees must not expose skin. Sagging pants are not permitted.
4. Chains are not permitted as belts, decorative items, or attached to clothing.
5. All undergarments must be hidden from sight by the pants or shirt.
6. All students are required to wear shoes. Cleated shoes are not to be worn in the school building. House shoes are not acceptable footwear.
7. Students may not wear clothing or accessories that display symbols, pictures, lettering or numbering that is profane, vulgar, repulsive, interpreted as sexual innuendo, or obscene or that advertises or promotes dangerous weapons, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, low point beer, illegal or illicit drugs, drug-related items, drug paraphernalia, or other items or activities that are illegal for the general population or for minors.
8. Handwriting on clothes and/or skin is prohibited.
9. Hats and caps will not be worn during school, except for medical reasons or when deemed necessary for a class. Scarves or bandanas must not display colors that are gang related. Any headgear that is brought or worn to school without medical reason or as necessary equipment for a class may result in the loss of headgear.
10. Students may wear earrings, except long dangling or large loop earrings that create the possibility of injury in classrooms, hallways or activities. Flesh Tunnels, Gauges/Plugs, Tapers or any other device that facilitates these instruments are prohibited. All other visible body piercing jewelry that creates distractions or the possibility of injury is prohibited.
11. Shorts are allowed if they are longer than mid-thigh in length. Skirts and dresses must also meet the same criteria. Garments shorter in length must have leggings.
12. Tight fitting knitwear is prohibited unless covered by a garment that is mid-thigh in length. This includes but is not limited to yoga pants, leggings, biking shorts, spandex or other tight fitting garments. Clothing with logos or words printed on the seat is prohibited.
13. Personal items are to be kept in student's backpack. Headphones and ear buds are not allowed to be worn or displayed while in the hallways.
14. Hairstyles or hair colors that are substantially distracting are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to Mohawks, Fauxhawks, designs shaved into the hair or neon colored hair. Student's hair should not cover the eyes.
15. No sunglasses or eyeglasses may be worn inside school facilities unless prescribed by a doctor for inside wear.

When a bona fide religious belief or health need of a student conflicts with the school dress code, reasonable accommodations shall be provided. Any student desiring accommodations shall notify the school principal in writing of the requested accommodation and the factual basis for the request. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy.

The faculty will identify possible dress code violations with the principal or counselors making the final decision. Any student in violation of the dress code will have the following consequences:

1. Clean alternate clothing, in the form of a t-shirt or sweats will be provided to the student to wear for the remainder of the school day. Students will return the alternate clothing in exchange for theirs at the end of the school day. **Students will not be allowed to call home for another article of clothing.**
2. Repeated violations of the dress code may result in detention or more severe consequences.
3. Violations that cannot be immediately corrected will result in removal from class.